

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jennifer Branigan on 6/25/08.

In Claim 2, the line above the last line of the claim delete "and" and at the end of the claim insert ", and

wherein the compounds of the formula I are different from the compounds of the formulae I1, I2 and I3.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The amended claim by limiting the compounds of formula I1 to I3 containing 3, 4, 5-trifluorophenyl ring differs from the prior art. The prior art fails to disclose the liquid crystal medium comprising at least 75% by weight of one or more compounds of formulae I1 to I3 having the helical pitch  $\leq 1\mu\text{m}$ .

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shean C. Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-1393. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Huff can be reached on 571-272-1385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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